WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

5   data entry means for user-selected project-specific features;

at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which a user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

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a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document;

generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.

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2. An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

data entry means for user-selected project-specific attributes;

5 at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

at least one remote attribute information storage means, comprising a database from

10 which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

15 a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document;

20 generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.

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3.   An open-network system for managing the architectural process as claimed in claim

2, further comprising means for tracking a project.

4.   An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

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data entry means for user-selected project attributes;

at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which

the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and

10   data associated with it;

at least one remote attribute information storage mean, comprising a database from

which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique

identifier and data associated with it;

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a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a

user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected

attribute into at least one digital file, the digital file comprising data associated with

an aspect of a contract document;

5   generation means for creating the digital file;

searching means for querying the user database.

10   5.   An open-network system for managing the architectural process as in Claim 4,

wherein the digital file created by the generation means comprises Industry

Foundation Class tags.

6.   An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

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data entry means for user-selected project attributes, the data entry means comprising

a graphical user interface having text entry and drop-down menu choices;

at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which

20   the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and

data associated with it;

a filter for providing the drop-down menu choices of the graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document from the group consisting of architectural specification, architectural details, architectural schedule or architectural project status;

10   generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.